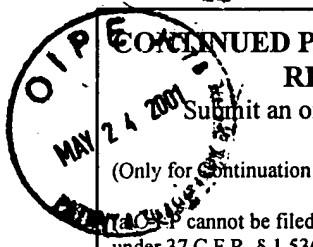


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## CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)

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Attorney Docket No.: T.66937

Inventor(s): Joseph Tracy et al.

Examiner: Carmen D. White

Group Art Unit: 3713

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This is a request for a  Continuation  Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application Serial No. 09/339,076 filed on June 23, 1999 entitled Method of Playing A Group Participation Game.

\*In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered.

- Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \* under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- A small entity statement is enclosed.
- A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449/Copies of IDS citations.

## CLAIMS AS FILED

	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE			\$710	\$ 710
TOTAL CLAIMS	4 - 20 =	0	X \$ 18	\$ -0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3 =	0	X \$ 80	\$ -0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			\$270	\$ -0-
* Number extra must be zero or larger				TOTAL \$ 710
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- The filing fee of \$710.00 is enclosed.
- Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit Deposit Acct. No. 19-2112 as described below. Enclosed is a duplicate of this sheet.

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Applicants: JOSEPH TRACY ET AL. ) Attorney Docket No. VDLT.66937  
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Filed: June 23, 1999 ) Examiner: Carmen D. White  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed with the newly filed Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) filed herewith and responds to an Office Action dated February 27, 2001 in the parent case, and the interview with Examiner Carmen D. White and Primary Examiner Mike O'Neill on April 17, 2001, Applicants respectfully request the following changes be made to the CPA. In attendance at the interview were Applicants Joseph Tracy and Mark Meyer, along with Applicant's attorney William B. Kircher. Applicants wish to express their sincere appreciation to both Examiners White and O'Neill for the time, the courteous interview and the feedback which will hopefully accelerate the successful prosecution of this application.

Replacement claims and a version with markings to show changes made are attached hereto.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 41-44 have been added to the present application. Accordingly, claims 41-44 remain pending. Applicants hereby